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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING NOTE
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY AND TO REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE
REPLY. BOTH CONFIRMATION THAT THE TEXT HAS BEEN DELIVERED
AND THE REPLY SHOULD BE CABLED TO WASHINGTON ASAP.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER
TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC ON THE MATTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY
SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 23, 1973, TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT SIGNED
IN ROME ON NOVEMBER 22, 1977 AND TO ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 3
OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1977 (PUBLIC LAW 95-216)
WHICH BECAME LAW ON DECEMBER 20, 1977 HAVE, INTER ALIA,
ALTERED THE METHOD OF COMPUTING BENEFITS UNDER THE SOCIAL
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SECURITY ACT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978. AS A RESULT OF THIS
CHANGE, WHICH IN GENERAL ELIMINATES THE USE OF A BENEFIT
TABLE FOR COMPUTING BENEFITS AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978, THE
DEFINITION OF "BASIC BENEFIT AMOUNT" WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO
THE UNITED STATES NOW CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 1.K OF THE 1973

AGREEMENT WILL BE OBSOLETE AFTER THAT DATE. SINCE THE

CONTINUED REFERENCE TO THAT DEFINITION WOULD MAKE THE 1973 AGREEMENT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, INOPERABLE UNDER UNITED STATES LAW AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978, AND SINCE THAT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSES OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO THE INTENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES TO USE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS THE DEFINITION FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE 1973 AGREEMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978. IF THIS DEFINITION IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SO INFORMED DURING THE PROCESS OF REVIEW LEADING TO APPROVAL OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT AND THE 1977 ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT IMPLEMENTATION. IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT, BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 1979, THAT PORTION OF ARTICLE 1.K OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT WHICH DEFINES "BASIC BENEFIT AMOUNT" WITH RESPECT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN:

- AND AS REGARDS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 'PRIMARY
- INSURANCE AMOUNT' BASED ON A WORKER'S AVERAGE MONTHLY
- EARNINGS OR AVERAGE INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS, AS
- PROVIDED IN SECTION 215(A) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
- ACT AS AMENDED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF
- 1977;

EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THIS INTERPRETATION, ALL TERMS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CONDITIONS OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT AND THE 1977 ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL REMAIN THE SAME. I PROPOSE THAT AS TO THE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 1.K OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY CONCURRING THEREIN CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF YOUR NOTE IN REPLY. END TEXT. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. CHRISTOPHER

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